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TOPIC Croatia Airfield

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## REFERENCES

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REMARKS.

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1. Craiova airfield (R 33-34/XA 83) was located about 5 km east of Craiova, immediately north of the Craiova-Slatina (R 33-34/XB 34) highway. The field was about 4,000 meters long, measured from east to west and 2,000 to 2,500 meters long, measured from north to south. About 300 meters to the east of the field was the Craiova-Piatra railroad line. The field was located on terrain much higher than the city of Craiova. Flying at the field was not impeded by obstacles in the vicinity of the field. An approach road to the airfield 6 meters wide branched off from the Craiova-Slatina highway. The airfield had a spur track.
  2. In the summer of 1951, the airfield was enlarged toward the east and north. The extensive leveling work required was completed in the spring of 1952. A concrete runway was also built. The landing field had a grass cover. In 1951, the surface of the field was improved by spreading out and rolling of gravel. Drainage facilities were not required because the field had a slight slope toward the south. The east-west runway was 3,500 meters long and 80 meters wide. The concrete apron in front of the new hangars, which measured about 600 x 200 meters, was connected to the runway by a concrete lane. A large wooden hangar, which had been built prior to World War II, was located in the southwestern portion of the field, just north of its western gate. Three large steel skeleton hangars and provided with a sheet metal roof, each measuring 180 x 100 meters, were observed in the southeastern portion of the installation. The repair hangar located east of these hangars was mostly equipped with German machinery. Spare parts were stored in a shed south of the hangars. The underground fuel dump south of the repair hangar had an alleged storage capacity of 25 railroad tank cars. As stated previously, the fuel dump had railroad connections. An ammunition dump was allegedly available in the vicinity of the field.
  3. The airfield had night lighting facilities and runway lights. An antenna system about 15 meters high was seen on a roof of a building in the southwestern portion of the installation. A teletype office was available at the field. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] the installation was connected through a direct line with the central air defense headquarters in Bucharest. Except to the north, the field was surrounded by a barbed wire fence 2 meters high. All gates and major installations of the field were guarded. 1 and 3 25X1
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4. In the fall of 1951, the airfield was turned over to the Soviet air force. In June 1952 [REDACTED] 75 MiG-15s with Soviet national insignia at the field. No other aircraft types were seen. Aircraft parked outside the hangars were covered with camouflage painted canvas.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that Craiova airfield was enlarged in 1951 and 1952 and provided with a runway. [REDACTED] The statement that the runway was 3,500 meters long cannot be verified; however, it appears to be somewhat exaggerated.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. It appears very probable that Craiova airfield was occupied by Soviet fighter units. Sometime ago, unconfirmed reports indicated that all Rumanian air units were moved to the eastern portion of Rumania while Soviet air units were transferred to the western portion of the country. This measure may reflect the intention to prevent Rumanian pilots from fleeing abroad. It is believed that the field is occupied by 2 or 3 Soviet fighter regiments.

3. [REDACTED] Comment. The attached sketch of Craiova airfield essentially agrees with previous information.

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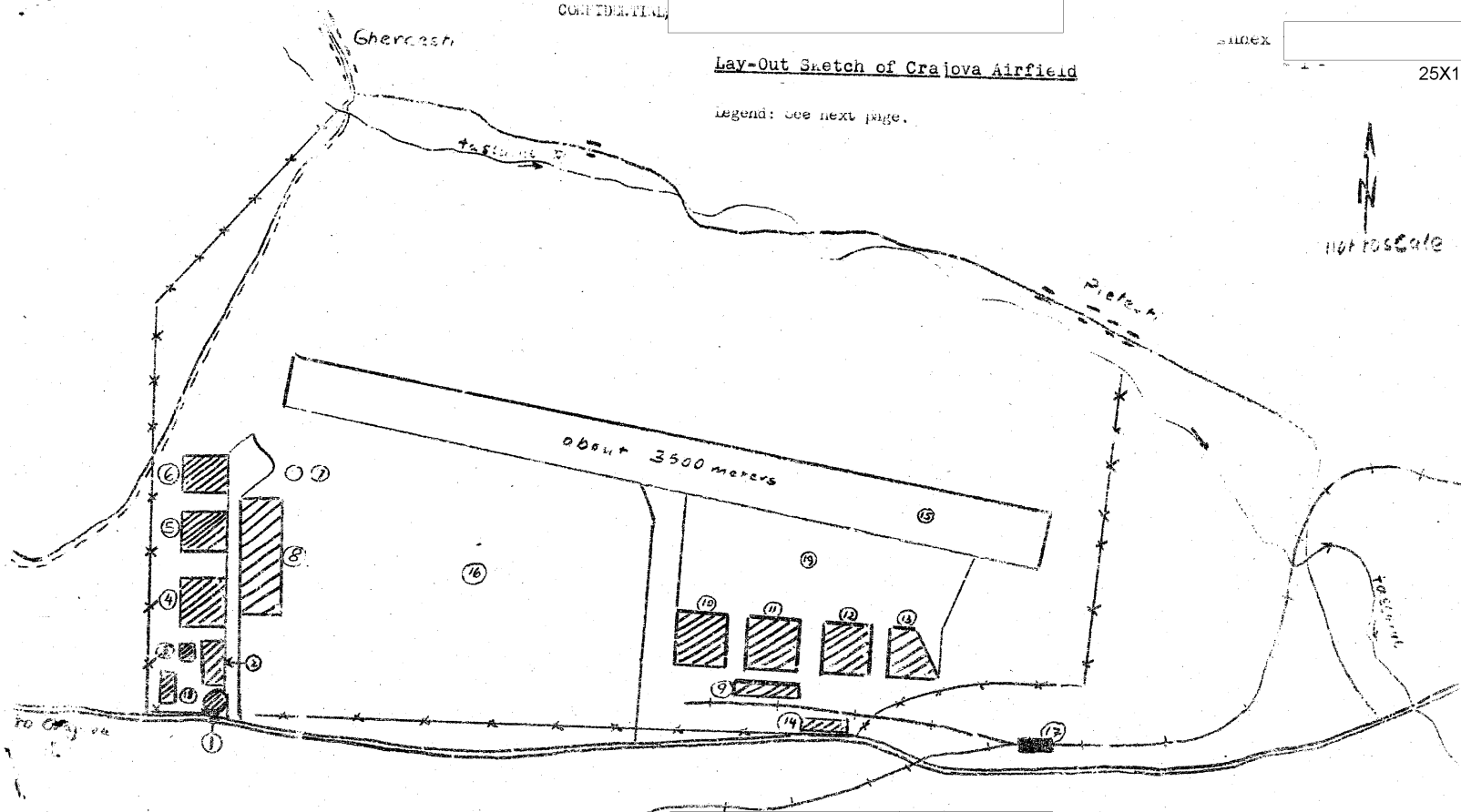
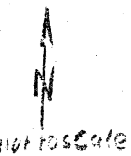
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Lay-Out Sketch of Craiova Airfield

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Craiova Airfield

Legend:

- 1 Guard house
- 2 Single-story building, radio station with antenna
- 3 Single-story building, restaurant and mess hall for SM
- 4 Two-story building, EM quarters, social welfare rooms
- 5 Two-story building, airfield headquarters
- 6 Garage
- 7 Well
- 8 Wooden hangar
- 9 Temporary building, guard house and spare parts rooms
- 10 through 12 Hangars
- 13 Single-story building, maintenance shop
- 14 Fuel dump
- 15 Runway
- 16 Aircraft dispersal area
- 17 Pitesti railroad station
- 18 Transformer house
- 19 Concrete apron

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